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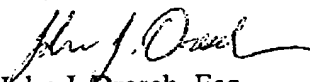
Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.111
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/551,402
Attorney Docket No. AM9-99-0161
Our Reference: ALM.037

Dear Examiner Hillery:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed on January 12, 2004, in the above-referenced application.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,


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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SCHEMA-DRIVEN COMPRESSION OF
EXTENSIBLE MARK-UP LANGUAGE (XML) DOCUMENTS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.